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CONSENSUS IS FOR AN ABSTENTION

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Classified By: Polec Counselor Michael Dodman for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[11](#). (C) Embassy officials raised USG concerns about the UN Human Rights Council special session on Gaza with the Czech MFA Human Rights and Transition Policy office on the morning of January 24. This afternoon Czech Deputy Director of Human Rights and Transition Policy, Martin Bocek, informed Emboffs that while the GOCR supported our position against the unbalanced anti-Israeli resolution, the EU came to a consensus position to abstain. According to Bocek, the UK, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic were the three countries pressing hard within the EU for a vote against the resolution, while France was notably at the opposite end of the spectrum.

[12](#). (U) Bocek also noted that when the vote took place in Geneva today, only Canada voted against the resolution.
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